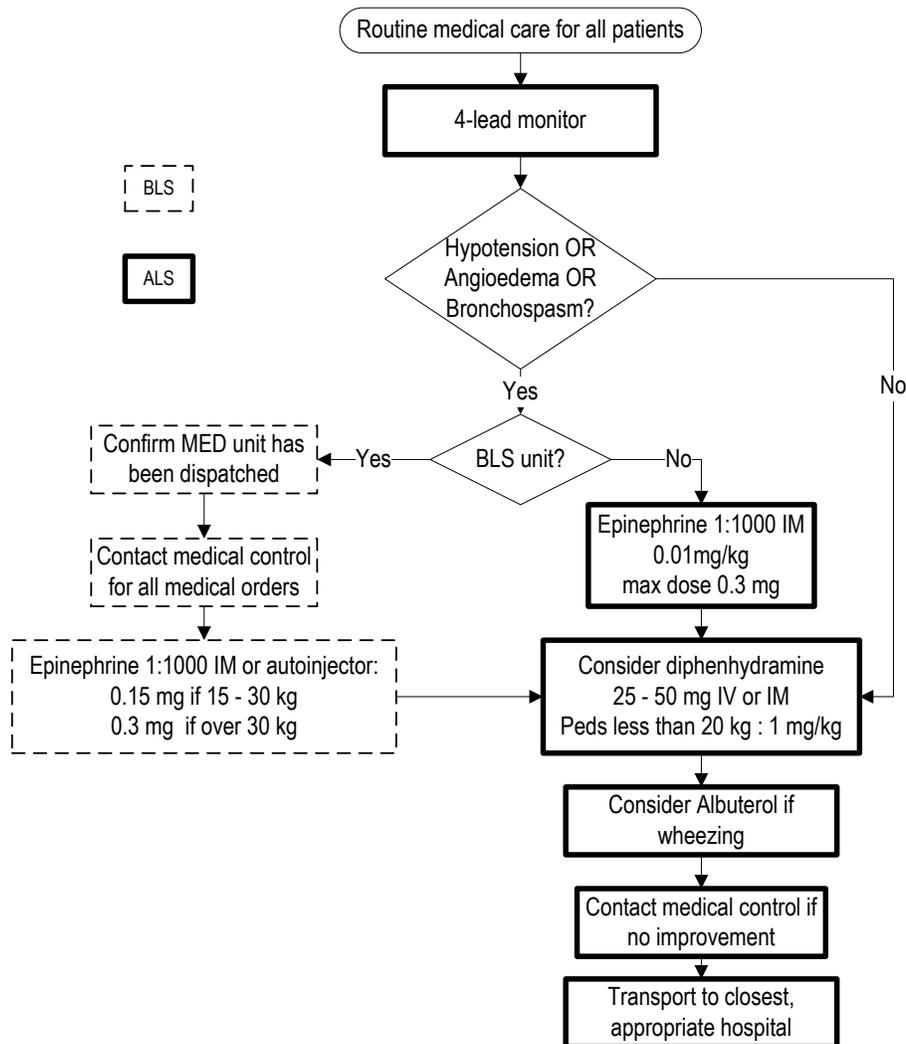


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**MILWAUKEE COUNTY EMS
MEDICAL PROTOCOL
ALLERGIC REACTION**

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History:	Signs/Symptoms:	Working Assessment:
Known allergy New medication Insect sting/bite History of allergic reactions Listen for history of: Hypertension, coronary artery disease or current pregnancy Asthma	Hives, itching, flushing Anxiety, restlessness Shortness of breath, wheezing, stridor Chest tightness Hypotension/shock Swelling/edema Cough	Anaphylaxis Asthma Shock



Notes:

- Anaphylactic reactions include a wide spectrum of signs/symptoms that range from minor wheezing to overt shock. Early recognition and treatment, including the use of epinephrine, greatly improves patient outcomes.
- The preferred site for IM injections is the mid-anterolateral thigh.
- IV fluid resuscitation should be initiated for all hypotensive patients.
- There are NO absolute contraindications to epinephrine administration in life-threatening emergencies.
- BLS units must confirm that a MED unit is en route before contacting medical control for administration of medication(s).
- A physician's order is required for BLS units before administration of epinephrine.
- A MED unit must transport any patient receiving epinephrine (self- or EMS-administered).